

Peer mentoring to support students with disabilities face-to-face meeting

September 26/2013

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Greenwood Inn, Calgary

Agenda:

9:00 – 9:30 Continental breakfast

9:30 – 10:30

- Welcome
 - Making connections warm up
- What is a community of practice?
- Who are students with significant cognitive disabilities?
- Positive and hopeful language

10:30 – 10:45

- Inspiring Education: How peer mentoring contributes to engaged learning and ethical citizenship for mentors and mentees.

10:45 – 11:00 BREAK

11:00 – 12:00

- Snapshot of your school community context

12:00 – 12:30 LUNCH

12:30 – 13:00

- Overview of resources from the Alberta Mentoring Partnership.

13:00 – 13:30

- The possibilities of peer networks: Erik Carter videos <http://www.inclusiveeducationpdresources.ca/>
- Getting started with peer mentoring in your school. The benefits of starting small!

13:30 – 14:00

- Collaboration tools: wiki, ning, and overview of Blackboard/Elluminate webinar platform

14:00 – 14:30

- 3-2-1 Activity... what will you take away from today to your schools?

14:30 – 15:00

- Community of Practice Overview for the year
- Possible topics for webinars/online meetings:
 - Recruiting and training mentors
 - Extra-curricular and service opportunities for mentoring
 - Sharing our stories
 - Keeping the momentum (CTS courses for next year)

15:00

- Survey and wrap-up

Future Dates:

October 24 webinar and suggested topic - Recruiting and training mentors

November 28 webinar: Extra-curricular and service opportunities for mentoring

December 13 e-mail

January 30 webinar: Sharing our stories of peer mentoring in our schools

April 24 webinar: Keeping the momentum... Preparing for next year.

May 22 face-to-face day: Review of the year

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